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Riddick becomes SDDC's command sergeant major

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SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill., (Jan. 7, 2010) – Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Riddick became the 13th command sergeant major for the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command here today.

Riddick is no stranger to SDDC. From May 2007 to May 2009, he served as the command sergeant major for the command's 598th Transportation Terminal Group in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and also deployed to Kuwait as part of this assignment.

He enlisted in the Army July 1986 and received his Basic Training at Fort Dix, N.J., and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Eustis, Va., as a traffic management coordinator.

Riddick's many assignments include U.S. Army Garrison at Camp Page, Korea; U.S. Army Transportation Center at Fort Eustis, Va where he was selected Drill Sergeant of the Year in 1995. He served as first sergeant of B Company, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky then deployed to Iraq as the Corps Distribution Center transportation sergeant major for a multi-functional Corps Support Command from Wiesbaden, Germany. In March 2006, he assumed duties as the 27th Transportation Battalion command sergeant major on LSA Anaconda, Ballad, Iraq, and prior to his current assignment, he was assigned, in June 2009, as the Commandant of the NCO Academy at Fort Eustis, Va., to name a few.

He is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeant Major Academy, Class 55. Other military courses he has completed include all levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, First Sergeant Course, Drill Sergeant Course, Air Assault School, and the Master Fitness Trainer's Course among others.

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2-2-2, RIDDICK BECOMES SDDC'S COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Good Conduct Medal (seven awards), National Defense Ribbon (Bronze Service Star), GWOT Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 3), Air Assault Badge, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge and the Drivers Badge.

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